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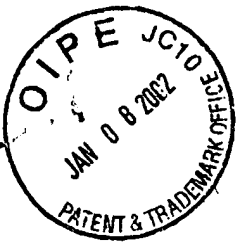
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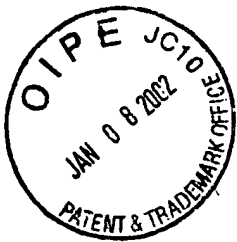
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Applicant has become aware of the following printed publications which may be material to the examination of this application:

- U.S. Patent No. 4,219,333;
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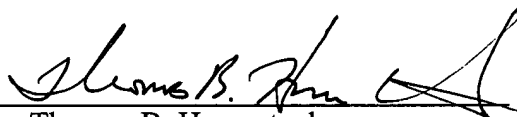
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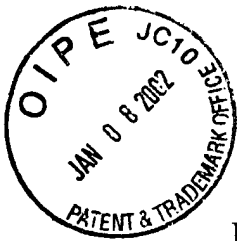
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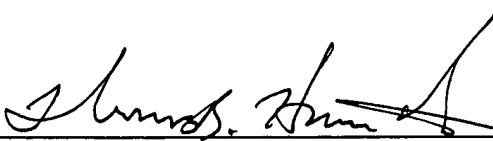
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